

# MICRO BR DIGITAL RECORDER



#### Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the BOSS MICRO BR. This TurboStart contains step-by-step instructions that will quickly introduce you the MICRO BR's major features.

**Note:** The MICRO BR has two modes: normal mode and MP3 mode. In MP3 mode, "MP3" appears in the lower-left corner the display. Use the MP3/TRAINER button to toggle between modes.

## Creating a New Song

- 1 In normal mode, press UTILITY.
- 2 Press TR1 (SNG).
- 3 Press TR2 (NEW).
- 4 Press VALUE + or VALUE until "HiFi(MT2)" is showing on the display.
- 5 Press TR4 (EXE).

#### Selecting an Input

Before you select a track, you must first select the input you want to use:

- 1 In normal mode, press INPUT.
- 2 Press a TR1-4 button to select the corresponding input: gtr, mic, lin, or ext.

*Note:* The input that's shown on the display in capital letters is selected.

3 Turn the INPUT LEVEL knob on the side of the MICRO BR as far up as you can without your loudest input signal turning on the OVER indicator.

# Selecting and Recording a Track

- 1 In normal mode, press the Record button (the button with the red dot beneath it).
- Press TR1 to record on Track 1—"RFC" flashes above the TR1 button.
- 3 Press the PLAY button to start recording.
- 4 When you're done, press STOP.

**Note:** To record other tracks, repeat the steps above, pressing TR2 for Track 2, TR3 for Track 3 etc. You'll hear your recorded tracks play as you record new ones.

#### Mixdown

It's necessary to bounce all of your tracks to a stereo pair of tracks before you can export your song to a computer as a WAV or MP3 file for burning onto a CD.

1 In normal mode, push EXIT and UTILITY until you see BOUNCE on the display.

**Note:** The upper right corner of the display shows the track you're bouncing to. By default, "12V2"—Tracks 1 and 2, Virtual Track 2—is selected.

- 2 Press STOP and REWIND together to go back to the beginning of the song.
- 3 Press RECORD, and then press PLAY.
- 4 When the song's finished playing, press STOP.

## Converting to MP3/WAV

- 1 In normal mode, press UTILITY.
- 2 Press TR2 (TRK).
- 3 Press the ▶ CURSOR.
- 4 Press TR2 (EXP).
- 5 Use the CURSOR and VALUE buttons to select TR12V2, unless you bounced to a different destination.
- Press TR4 for NEXT.
- 7 Press the Value + or key to choose the quality of MP3 you want to create, or to choose WAV.
- 8 Press TR4 (EXE) to perform the conversion.

**Tip:** You can also convert MICRO BR recordings to MP3 or WAV format on your computer using the free BR Wave Converter software available at *RolandUS.com*.

## Using The Rhythm Track

In normal mode, the MICRO BR has a built-in drum machine you can jam with!

- Press RHYTHM.
- Press TR1 until "ON" is displayed on the bottom right of the display.
- 3 Press TR2 until it says "PT:" at the top left of the display.
- 4 Press PLAY to hear the drum pattern play.
- 5 Use the VALUE + or to change the drum pattern to the desired style.







## **Applying Effects**

The MICRO BR has a powerful effects engine you can use as you record.

- Press EFFECTS.
- 2 Use the VALUE + or to switch between different effect presets.

*Note:* You will get different effect presets based on the input you selected earlier.

3 Record your track or MP3/WAV file as described earlier.

## Playing an MP3 or WAV File

The MP3 file name appears on the display. A demonstration song called "Big Dance" comes pre-loaded on the MICRO BR.

**Note:** As shipped from the factory, the MICRO BR starts up in MP3 mode.

- 1 If you're not in MP3 mode, press MP3/TRAINER to enter MP3 mode.
- Press the VALUE + or key until "Big Dance" shows on the display.
- 3 Press PLAY.

# Recording An MP3/WAV File

You can record a stereo MP3 or WAV file directly from an input.

- 1 If you're not in MP3 mode, press MP3/TRAINER to enter MP3 mode.
- 2 Press INPUT.
- 3 Press a TR1-4 button to select the corresponding input: gtr, mic, lin, or ext.

**Note:** The selected input appears on the display in capital letters.

- 3 Press EXIT.
- 4 Turn the INPUT LEVEL knob on the side of the MICRO BR as far up as you can without your loudest input signal turning on the OVER indicator.
- 5 Press RECORD (the button with the red dot beneath it.)
- 6 Press the Value + or key until the quality MP3 you'd like or "WAV" is shown on the display.
- 7 Press PLAY to begin recording.
- 8 When you're finished recording, press STOP.

## Transferring an MP3/WAV File to a Computer

- 1 Connect a USB cable from your computer to the MICRO BR—the MICRO BR appears as a removable storage device on your computer. On a:
  - Windows PC—it appears in your My Computer window.
  - Mac—it appears on your desktop.

**Note:** In some versions of Windows, the MICRO BR may appear as a removable storage device titled "Removable disk (?:)."

- 2 On the computer, double-click the MICRO BR to reveal two folders: MP3 and Roland.
- 3 Open the MP3 folder to display your MP3 and/or WAV files.
- 4 Drag the files from the MP3 folder to the desired location on your computer, such as your desktop.